

2024-25 Bally's Classic League

Official League Rules

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League Rules:

- 1.) **MANAGED LEAGUE:** This is a USBC Managed League. It is sanctioned, and USBC Managed Leagues are bonded and insured. Per the USBC Managed League Commonly Asked Questions, #12:
 - "The league manager is considered an officer of the league and is bonded. The League President is required to verify the league deposits monthly as stated in Rule 104b, Item 1(a) to maintain bonding coverage."
- 2.) **SANCTIONS:** Sanction Fees are due by the start of play of Week 1 of competition. Sanction forms will be placed in each money envelope. The easiest way to get sanctioned is through bowl.com. If you choose to sanction online, please mark that in the sanction section of your envelope. Bowl.com will provide you with a receipt for online payments. If you do not bowl on Week 1, they are due on your first week of competition in the league.
- 3.) **WEEKLY DUES:** The weekly league fee is \$30.00. \$16.00 of this fee will be for lineage, and \$13.50 will go towards the prize fund. The remaining \$0.50 will go towards a league secretary and expense fee. Payments will ONLY be accepted in increments of \$30. (Example: \$30, \$60, \$90, \$120, \$150, etc.)
- 4.) **ARREARS:** No bowler may be more than two weeks (\$60) behind on payments, regardless of circumstance. We are going to police this very strictly with every bowler. Please make sure you are on time with your payments. No exceptions. If you are going away for vacation or are knowingly going to miss an extended period of time, please make arrangements with your team or your score will count as zero. We will not ask – if you are two weeks behind and bowl that evening, YOUR SCORES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE COUNTED AS ZERO AND IT WILL NOT BE CHANGED BACK.

5.) **ENVELOPES:** In your team envelopes, the ONLY thing that should be marked is how much you are putting in the envelope for the current week. Please do not fill anything else out and do not mark anything in the weeks ahead. Thank you!

6.) **LEAGUE START TIME:** PRACTICE STARTS AT 6:30PM; BOWLING STARTS AT 6:40PM.

7.) **SCHEDULE:** The Bally's Classic League Season will begin on September 5th, 2023, and run for 34 weeks, broken into thirds. (11wks/11wks/12wks) The league will be off on Thanksgiving, and the week between Christmas and New Year's. The ending date for the league is May 8th, 2025. The championship roll-off will be conducted on May 15th, 2025, along with the league payout.

Week 1: 9/5 **Week 2:** 9/12 **Week 3:** 9/19 **Week 4:** 9/26 **Week 5:** 10/3 **Week 6:** 10/10 **Week 7:** 10/17 **Week 8:** 10/24 **Week 9:** 10/31 **Week 10:** 11/7 **Week 11:** 11/14 **Week 12:** 11/21 **OFF 11/28** **Week 13:** 12/5 **Week 14:** 12/12 **Week 15:** 12/19 **OFF: 12/26** **Week 16:** 1/2 **Week 17:** 1/9 **Week 18:** 1/16 **Week 19:** 1/23 **Week 20:** 1/30 **Week 21:** 2/6 **Week 22:** 2/13 **Week 23:** 2/20 **Week 24:** 2/27 **Week 25:** 3/6 **Week 26:** 3/13 **Week 27:** 3/20 **Week 28:** 3/27 **Week 29:** 4/3 **Week 30:** 4/10 **Week 31:** 4/17 **Week 32:** 4/24 **Week 33:** 5/1 **Week 34:** 5/8 **Rolloff/Payout:** 5/15/25.

8.) **CANCELLATIONS:** Should any weeks be cancelled due to inclement weather, they will be added on to the end of the season. The league will not extend beyond May 29th, 2025. Per the league contract with Mid County Lanes, the league will be given at least (3) weeks notice for any cancellations/postponements other than inclement weather.

9.) **POSITION ROUND NIGHTS:** Scheduled position round nights are: Week 11 (11/14/24); Week 22 (2/13/25); and Weeks 33 & 34 (5/1/25) & (5/8/24). Please see continued rules below for the rules on position round nights. (Provided there is no date changes due to cancellations.)

10.) **LEAGUE HANDICAP:** Each bowler receives individual handicap in this league. The handicap is 80% of 240.

11.) **LEAGUE FORMAT:** This league is conducted using the Petersen Points system. 24 points total will be awarded in each matchup. (6) for each game, and then (6) for totals, as illustrated below:

_____ **Bowler 1:** 1 point for win
_____ **Bowler 2:** 1 point for win
_____ **Bowler 3:** 1 point for win
_____ **Bowler 4:** 1 point for win
_____ **Bowler 5:** 1 point for win
_____ **Team Totals:** 2 points for win = **7 Points Total Available x 4 = 28 TOTAL**

12.) **LINEUPS:** Lineups may NOT be changed once the first ball of competition has been thrown that night. Lineups may be set before bowling. The team on the LEFT Lane has the final choice on lineups before the start of play. Meaning, the right lane shall set their lineup first, followed by the left lane. This rule has been decided so that in a position round, the higher seed will have the advantage on lineup-setting, given that the left lane in the position round always has the higher team in the standings.

13.) **ESTABLISHING AVERAGES:** For the first (9) games of competition, bowlers will use their highest book average from the previous season. IF YOU BOWLED IN THIS LEAGUE LAST YEAR, YOUR YEAR END AVERAGE IN THIS LEAGUE WILL BE USED FIRST, REGARDLESS IF IT IS HIGHER OR LOWER

THAN IN ANOTHER LEAGUE. IF YOU DID NOT BOWL THIS LEAGUE, WE WILL USE HIGHEST AVERAGE FROM 2023-2024 thru 2021-2022. After (9) games are completed, the bowlers will begin using their established average. Please keep in mind, the 10-pin drop rule is in effect. You cannot be more than 10 pins below your average from the previous season. Example: Your book average is 190. Your average after (24) (Any Number) games is 175. Because of the 10-pin rule, you will now have to use 180 as your average for that evening. If a bowler has no entering average, it will be established after (3) games.

- 14.) **VACANT SCORE:** The vacant bowler score is 180. No handicap will be given to a vacant bowler. If for any reason you need a bowler for a vacant position that is not in arrears, please ask a league officer or member of the Mid County Lanes staff to help fill the position as soon as possible. In order to win a point against a Vacant, you must beat the total score with handicap of 180. In the event you do not beat 180, the opposing team will not receive a win, but instead, an “unearned” point.
- 15.) **BLIND SCORE:** The blind score is the bowler’s league average, minus 10 pins, + their handicap. Blind bowlers may win points. If an entire team is blind, that team cannot win points. They automatically go 0-28. The team facing them must beat their scores to win points. The blind team will receive 10 pins off each bowlers average.
- 16.) **SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes are allowed in the Bally’s Classic League. They will use their book BALLY’S CLASSIC LEAGUE average from last year until (9) games are bowled. If they did not bowl this league last year, then a book average will be used from 2023-24 thru 2021-22. If no average, one will be established after 3 games. A sub must start in Game 1 in order to be eligible to bowl that night. Subs may not come in after the first ball has been thrown by that team. **SUBSTITUTES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY POSITION ROUND NIGHT OR IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL-OFF. ONLY ROSTER BOWLERS ARE PERMITTED. PLEASE SEE THE RULES BELOW ON ROSTER BOWLERS.**
- 17.) **LATE ARRIVALS:** Bowlers have until the completion of the THIRD (3rd) FRAME to arrive to bowling. If they do not make it before a ball is thrown in Frame 4, they are not permitted to bowl that game and their blind score must be used. Substitutes may not enter a series after this time either. Meaning, after Frame 4 of Game 1, you are no longer permitted to bring in a substitute. PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR ABSCENSES ACCORDINGLY. If the League Manager feels a team is bowling slow on purpose, they may be asked to pick up the pace.
- 18.) **ROSTERS:** League Rosters may consist of up to 7 bowlers. Roster bowlers can be added or removed at any time*. Roster bowlers are permitted to bowl on position round nights and in the Championship Roll-Off. However, certain game requirements must be met in order to be eligible. A roster bowler MUST be added at least (7) days in advance of the first night they bowl on the team, with the exception night one. Roster bowlers may no longer be added after Week 17(1/9.)
- 19.) **ELIGIBILITY FOR POSITION ROUNDS:** For the first position round, all bowlers must have bowled a minimum of (3) games. For the second position round, all bowlers must have bowled a minimum of (6) games. For the third position round, all bowlers must have bowled at least (9)

games in the current season of the Bally's Classic. For the championship roll off, (12) games are required.

- 20.) **MOVING BETWEEN ROSTERS:** Once a bowler is placed on a roster, he/she are not permitted to be on another team's roster for the remainder of the season. A bowler may leave a team's roster to become a substitute, but cannot be a roster member of another team until next season. Please keep in mind subs are not eligible for position rounds or the championship roll-off, but roster members are.
- 21.) **LEGAL LINEUPS:** Legal lineups shall consist of at least (3) roster members. Should a team not have at least (2) roster members present, that game will be forfeited. A legal roster can consist of any combination of bowlers, male or female. A legal lineup does NOT need to have a female. The illegal team is not eligible to win points. In order for the legal team to win points, they must beat the vacant score of 180 per bowler.
- 22.) **LEAGUE FORMAT:** As partially discussed above, the league is split up into three thirds, consisting of (11) weeks, (11) weeks, and (12) weeks. Week (11), Week (22), and Weeks (33) and (34) will be position round weeks. Week (33) will be a "Wild-Card" position round night, while Week (34) will be a traditional position round. For more information, please see the championship roll-off format below:
- 23.) **CHAMPIONSHIP ROLLOFF:** The league championship roll-off will consist of (4) teams, comprised of the (3) Third-Winners, and a Wild Card Team. The wild card team will be the team with the highest number of wins on the season without winning a Third. Should there be a tie for any Third or for the Wild Card spot, a one-game roll-off will determine the winner. That tiebreaker will be contested immediately following the completion of competition that evening, on a fresh pair of lanes. Should there be a tie in that game, it will go to yet another game. For the special Week 33 "Wild-Card" position round night, teams will be sorted by order of the current wild-card standings. Week 34 will be a traditional position round. The championship roll-off format is listed below:
- 24.) **ROLLOFF FORMAT:** The (4) roll-off teams will bowl (3) games of qualifying. **Game One: Team 1 vs. Team 2, Team 3 vs. Team 4. Game Two: Team 1 vs. Team 4, Team 2 vs. Team 3. Game Three: Team 1 vs. Team 3, Team 2 vs. Team 4.** Petersen Points will be used in all of these games. In each game, (6) points will be available. The Top (2) Teams after (3) games of qualifying will move on to the Championship Match. The other two teams will be eliminated. Should there be a tie for second place, the tie will be broken by the highest game bowled during the roll-off. Should there still be a tie, the next tiebreaker will be total wins for the season. The championship match will be (1) game, total pins, including all handicap.
- 25.) **PRIZE FUND:** The league prize fund will be created by the League Manager. This prize fund, according to USBC rule, must be distributed by Week 5. Because there will be an undetermined amount of money added to the league via the league raffle (See League Raffle rules below), a firm prize fund amount cannot be determined until Week 34. Therefore, a minimum amount (\$15,000) will be set. The amount added to the prize fund cannot be less than this number, and whatever amount over it is – will be placed into the league championship roll-off.

- 26.) **PRE AND POST BOWLING:** POST BOWLING IS NOT PERMITTED. Pre-Bowling will only be allowed if done as an entire team. The team must bowl on a fresh pair of lanes, on the lanes they would have bowled on for that week, if those lanes are available at the time. If not, the team will be permitted to bowl on another pair. The pair must be freshly oiled. Pre-Bowling is not permitted for position round or championship nights unless the team is competing in the national USBC tournament. Pre-bowling must be scheduled at least (1) week in advance with Mid County Lanes. No exceptions.
- 27.) **SCORE CORRECTIONS:** If an error is discovered in the scores or standings, it must be made known to Mike Zanghi via email at mz.midcountylanes@gmail.com. All corrections must be emailed within 72 hours of the standings being posted. Very detailed verification will be done on scoresheets every week to ensure accuracy.
- 28.) **STANDINGS:** Standings will be posted on LeagueSecretary.com every week. They will be posted by Monday at 12pm. Standings will also be available at MidCountyLanes.com on the Bally's Classic page. Side pot results and bracket results will also be available on the Bally's Classic Page.
- 29.) **SIDE POT OFFERINGS:** The following side pots will be offered weekly: High Game, Eliminator, and a Team Strike Pot. The Team Strike Pot will start in Week #2.
- 30.) **PRIZE RAFFLE:** A raffle will be run weekly, run by Amber Bey. The raffle will feature at least 5 prizes, all donated to the league. Raffle tickets will be sold at a price of 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 8 for \$20. Prizes will be drawn at the beginning of Game 3. 100% of the money will go directly to the Prize Fund. A minimum of \$15,000 will be GUARANTEED to be added to the Prize Fund. Raffle sales and balance will be available on the Bally's Classic page.
- 31.) **RETURNED CHECKS:** If you are paying by check, there will be a \$50 fee for the first returned check, plus the cost of the check itself. After the second returned check, there will be another \$50 fee + you will not be able to pay by check any longer.
- 32.) **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE:** Please do not bring in outside food or beverage into the bowling center.
- 33.) **CHILDREN:** Please control all children who are brought to league night. They are not permitted in the bowler's area during league play. If a problem continues with this issue, children will not be permitted in the bowling center during league play.
- 34.) **CONDUCT:** Bowlers may be removed from Mid County Lanes for conduct that is determined to be disrespectful, harmful, or damaging to equipment, employees, or league bowlers. Mid County Lanes reserves the right to remove any bowler at any time for any reason. Please behave.
- 35.) **LANE COURTESY:** Please observe one-lane courtesy at all times. One lane to the left, one lane to the right. If a bowler wishes to give/want more than one-lane, it will be allowed.
- 36.) **TEAM STRIKE POT:** This year, we will really put some focus on the Team Strike Pot. The team strike pot will start at \$2,500.00, courtesy of Mid County Lanes. In order for a team to hit the strike pot, all 5 members must throw a strike in the 9th frame of Game 3. Tickets will be sold by Amber Bey along with the raffle tickets. Tickets will be \$5 each. The ticket will be drawn in the

beginning of Game 3 along with the Super Raffle. The team that is drawn, will be announced, and will have to throw all strikes in Frame 9. 15% of the Team Strike Pot will be held to start it over.